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1. ON MARCH 12, FOREIGN MINISTERS OF PAKISTAN (AZIZ AHMAD),
TURKEY (IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL) AND IRAN (ABBAS-ALI KHALATABARY)
SIGNED IN TEHRAN THE "TREATY OF IZMIR". IT IS SO NAMED BECAUSE
IT EMBODIES THE DECLARATION OF IZMIR, SIGNED BY THE THREE CHIEFS
OF STATE AT THE CLOSE OF THE SUMMIT MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT IN IZMIR IN APRIL 1976 (REFS B AND
C). DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF RCD INAYAT (PAKISTANI) TOLD
EMBOFF THAT THE TREATY DOES NOT GO BEYOND THE DECLARATION AND
UNTIL A COPY IS AVAILABLE REFERENCE TO THE IZMIR DECLARATION
(CONVEYED REF C) WILL SUFFICE.

2. INAYAT SAID THAT NO OTHER RCD BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED IN
CONNECTION WITH THE TREATY SIGNING. FONMINS CAGLAYANGIL AND
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AZIZ AHMAD HAD AN AUDIENCE WITH THE SHAH IN THE CITY OF AHWAZ.
SUBSTANCE OF THIS OR OTHER DISCUSSIONS, IF ANY, IS NOT YET
KNOWN.

3. THE TREATY IS DESCRIBED AS FULFILLING THE NEED FOR A LEGAL
CHARTER FOR THE RCD, WHICH INAYAT SAID HERETOFORE HAS BEEN
BASED CHIEFLY ON BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AMONG THE THREE NATION

MEMBERS. IT WILL PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE LONG-
SOUGHT INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT STATUS FOR RCD EMPLOYEES. AS
A READING OF THE IZMIR DECLARATION REVEALS, THE TREATY IS ALSO
A "MARCHING ORDER" FOR THE RCD, LISTING MANY INSTITUTIONS AND
PROGRAM OBJECTIVES (REGIONAL TRAINING AND TOURISM INSTITUTES,
AN INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT BANK, YOUTH FOUNDATION, INDUSTRIAL
STUDIES, SHIPPING COMPANY, SCIENCE FOUNDATION, AND IMPROVED TELE-
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES) AND, PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANT, THE
CHARTER FOR THE RCD FREE TRADE AREA.

4. THE IZMIR DELCARATION CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ON THE FREE
TRADE AREA: QUOTE: APPROPRIATE MEASURES BE ADOPTED TOWARDS THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN RCD FREE TRADE AREA, WITH NORMAL AND
REASONABLE SAFEGUARDS, THROUGH GRADUAL REDUCTION OF TARIFF
AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE WITH A VIEW TO
ELIMINATING THEM IN AS SHORT A PERIOD AS POSSIBLE. THE EARLY
CONCLUSION OF THE RECD PROTOCOL ON TRADE WOULD CONSTITUTE A
PRINCIPAL STEP TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.
AGREED THAT THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WOULD TAKE STEPS TO ESTABLISH
THE RCD FREE TRADE AREA WITHIN A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS, IN THE
LIGHT OF THE EXPEREINCE TO BE GAINED FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE RCD PROTOCOL ON TRADE. END QUOTE.

5. RCD SECRETARY GENERAL AHMAD MINAI DESCRIBED THE SIGNING OF
THE TREATY AS THE "GREAT POINT OF COOPERATION" AMONG THE THREE
COUNTRIES. NONETHELESS, WHILE FOR THE RCD "HOPE BREEDS ETERNAL",
THE COMMENTS IN REF A CONCERNING THE PROSPECTS FOR AN EARLY,
WORKING FREE TRADE AREA ARE ESSENTIALLY STILL VALID. EVEN THE
RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY IS NOT TO BE ASSUMED. SENGEN AHMAD
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MINAI EXPRESSED TO THE CHARGE HIS CONCERN OVER TURKISH
RATIFICATION; THAT BY IRAN (THE MAJLIS) AND PAKISTAN (REPORTEDLY
THE CABINET) IS ASSUMED TO BE ROUTINE. SINCE THE FREE TRADE
AREA DOES NOT BEGIN UNTIL FULL RATIFICATION, AND ON THE BASIS
OF A TRADE PROTOCOL WHICH IS YET TO BE CONCLUDED, ITS
INCEPTION IS NOT SEEN AS IMMINENT. EMBASSY WILL SEEK AN UPDATE
OF INFORMATION ON WHICH TO ASSESS THE READINESS FOR FREE TRADE
IN TERMS OF AGREED-TO PRODUCT LISTS, TARIFF REDUCTION SCHEDULES,
ETC.
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